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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1660

Introduced by Assembly Member La Malfa (Coauthor: Assembly Member Spitzer)

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 1102.6 of the Penal Code, relating to victims' rights.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1660, as amended, La Malfa. Victims' rights: presence during criminal proceedings.

Existing law provides that a victim may be present during criminal proceedings, but may be excluded subject to specified conditions.

This bill would delete the authorization to exclude a victim, or a designated victim's representative, from a criminal proceeding.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1102.6 of the Penal Code is amended to 2 read:
- 3 1102.6. Notwithstanding any other law, a victim, or a
- 4 designated victim's representative, shall be entitled to be present
- 5 and seated at all criminal proceedings where the defendant, the

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- 1 prosecuting attorney, and the general public are entitled to be 2 present.